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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 11 and 13 have been resubmitted. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. No new Claims have been added.

The applicant amended independent claims 1 and 9 to recite the limitation of the internal drive means, as supported in the figures which shows no external drive means, as is disclosed in the Garland (US 2,571,858) patent at reference numerals 50 and 60. In other words, Garland does not teach or disclose an extendable and retractable assembly for internally extending and retracting said extendable and retractable assembly; as is recited in amended Claims 1 and 9.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Office Action is requested.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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